**Russian Revolution Mock Trial Name:**

**Verdict Sheet Part A – Jury Notes**

In addition to being a witness or attorney in our trial, you are also a member of the ***jury*** (a group of people that decide who is guilty and who is not guilty). If someone is they guilty, they did something wrong. They broke the law.

Take **notes of information connected to the charges.** Choose FOUR witnesses (2 for prosecution and 2 for defense).

**The Charges against the Defendant (The Tsar)**

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| **Charge #1:**  ***Abuse of Power******of the Office of the Czar***: Throughout the duration of his reign as Czar, approximately 23 years (1894-1917), the Defendant did willfully and maliciously suppress the people of Russia by means including but not limited to kidnapping, torture and murder.  **This means that the czar used his power for evil and treated people badly.** | **Charge #2:**  ***Promotion of Social Inequality***: While millions of Russian people lived a life of poverty, deprivation, and starvation, the Defendant diverted the wealth of the nation to support a life of luxury for himself and his family.  **This means that the czar created a country with inequality of social classes; some Russians were very rich and others were very poor.** |

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| **Name of Witness** | **Witness Notes:** What was the most important evidence you heard from this witness? Listen for events, names, and dates connected to the Tsar and to Russia. | **Connection to the Charges:** What charge (#1 or #2) is this information connected to? Write the charge # below. |
| Prosecution Witness #1:  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |  |  |
| Prosecution Witness #2:  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |  |  |
| Defense Witness #1:  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |  |  |
| Defense Witness #2:  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |  |  |

**Verdict Sheet Part B – Jury’s Decision**

At the conclusion of our trial, decide what your verdict (decision) is: Not Guilty or Guilty. Use the evidence (information in your notes) from the trial. Tell your jury leader what your decision is. The judge will ask for the vote totals and make a final decision if necessary.

1. **Charge 1:** The czar used his power for evil and treated people badly.

Circle one: **No, he did not do this. He is** **Not Guilty Yes, he did this. He is Guilty.**

1. **Charge 2:** The czar created a country with inequality of social classes; some Russians were very rich and others were very poor..

Circle one: **No, he did not do this. He is** **Not Guilty Yes, he did this. He is Guilty.**